

NOTES from Parish Council Meeting April 20, 2016

Presentation:

- Our new Communications/Marketing Manager, George DeFrehn, gave a presentation on his responsibilities and what he has and hopes to accomplish. Kudos to our new Parish website, which has been completely revamped! Our home page now has more information, such as Catechesis and Evangelization, as well as a place where you can now join the Parish on-line. Job well done George!

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Campaign Update:

- Pledges to date are 452 with a total pledged of \$1,002,744. We have exceeded the million dollar mark!
- Total pledges paid to date are \$351,589. Our penny pledge total to date is \$4,868.
- Entech Architectural Services has been contracted to perform the architectural and engineering services for the design of the remaining renovations. We expect construction to begin in January, 2017
- Our Tree of Life will be relocating to the Narthex. An initial letter was sent out informing pledgers of contribution eligibility amounts to obtain an apple, dove or rock for the Tree of Life.

Parish Strategic Planning Committee:

- No update. Future meeting is scheduled to further review our Strategic Plan.

One in Mission:

- We had two meetings to go over and make sure we are in compliance with the Parish Pastoral Council and Diocesan document. No further meetings are necessary.

New Business:

- Work is in process on the deeds for all church properties. They may or may not be combined, depending on the cost involved.
- Also working on a “welcome brochure”.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds:

- No meeting. Waiting to go into the next phase of our renovations.

Holy Name:

- No report. They are trying to partner with other committees and piggy-back with them on their efforts.

Parish Life:

- Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 26 with 113 signed up hunting for 1,300 eggs. The Holy Name Society sponsored prizes and the Easter Bunny made an appearance.
- Plans continue for our Graduation Lunch and we are also working on plans for a Parish Picnic.
- As part of the Boyertown 150th Anniversary, two youth from our Parish have been nominated for a King & Queen of Boyertown and will be raising funds for their favorite charities.

Finance:

- No meeting. Our next meeting will be a 3rd Quarter Review of actual vs. budget and review the Preliminary 2016 Budget.
- We will also be preparing the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Financial Report, which is due to the Diocese by July 31.

Fundraising:

- The Pellman’s Cake Fundraiser was a great success, raising \$616.
- New events currently being considered include a St. Columbkil Golf Tournament, Reading Fightins Fundraiser and a Night at the Races, possibly bringing back the Lucky 500 Lottery or substituting it with another type of lottery fundraiser.

Human Concerns/Health Ministry:

- There was 1 funeral luncheon.
- The Pro-Life Bowl–a-thon raised \$1,235.
- Katie’s Wish lip balm and cards should arrive at St. Jude’s in time for her birthday, which would have been April 23.

St. Vincent DePaul: No report.

Evangelization: No report.

Youth Group:

- Our Easter Flower sale was held the weekend of Palm Sunday and went very well. Reppert’s Candy was also delivered and picked up this same weekend. Plans for our Steubenville Youth Conference continue.
- After more than 14 years, Al and Judy Carey have decided to retire as Youth Ministers. Heather Shainline will be taking over our Parish Youth Ministry, who has been a life-long member of St. Columbkil. She attended St. Francis Academy, St. Pius X High School and Alvernia University with a degree in teaching. She has attended many of the Steubenville Conferences and has chaperoned the last several years. Judy and Al would like to thank everyone for the opportunities given to them to be able to minister to our youth. It has been a wonderful and very humbling experience.

Staff Items:

- The Knights of Columbus will be started here at St. Columbkil in the next few months. We will need 30-35 men to establish a Council.

Suggestion Box: \$4 (given to the Penny Pledge) and a suggestion to have paper to write suggestions on.

Our next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM.